# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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## BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR

IN THE MATTER OF	)	
The City of Richmond, Missouri	)	Docket No. CWA-07-2003-0091
	)	
Respondent	)	

# CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

The above captioned proceeding for the assessment of civil penalties was initiated pursuant to Section 309(g) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, commonly referred to as the Clean Water Act (hereafter "CWA"), 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g), when the United States Environmental Protection Agency (hereafter "Complainant" or "EPA") issued to The City of Richmond, Missouri, (hereafter "Respondent"), a Complaint and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing on March 31, 2003.

The Complaint alleged violations of Sections 301 and 402 of the CWA,
33 U.S.C. § 1311 and § 1342, and regulations promulgated thereunder. The Complaint proposed
a total civil penalty of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) for these violations.

Complainant and Respondent have negotiated a settlement of the alleged violations. This Consent Agreement and Final Order are the result of such negotiations and represent a full and complete settlement of the allegations set forth in the Complaint.

#### CONSENT AGREEMENT

 For the purpose of this proceeding, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations of the Complaint.

- 2. Respondent neither admits nor denies the factual allegations set forth in the Complaint.
- 3. This Consent Agreement and Final Order resolves violations as alleged in the Complaint under Section 301 of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1311, and conditions of a permit issued pursuant to Section 402 of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1342, and implementing regulations promulgated thereunder.
- 4. For the purpose of this proceeding, Respondent waives its right to a judicial or administrative hearing to contest the allegations set forth in the Complaint and waives its right to appeal the Final Order accompanying this Consent Agreement.
- 5. Respondent and Complainant agree to conciliate this matter without the necessity of a formal hearing and to bear their respective costs and attorneys' fees.
- 6. Respondent consents to the issuance of the Order hereinafter recited and consents to the payment of the civil penalty as set forth in the Final Order.
- 7. Each signatory to this Agreement certifies that he or she is fully authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement and Final Order.
- 8. Compliance with the terms of the Consent Agreement and Final Order satisfies and resolves Respondent's liability for civil penalties for the violations alleged in the Complaint.

## FINAL ORDER

Pursuant to Section 309(g) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g), and based upon information contained in this Consent Agreement, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent shall pay a mitigated civil penalty of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Final Order. This mitigated amount is based

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on Respondent's ability to pay. Payment shall be by cashier's or certified check, made payable to "Treasurer, United States of America," and referencing EPA Docket No. CWA-07-2003-0091, and remitted to:

EPA - Region VII
Attn.: Regional Hearing Clerk
c/o Mellon Bank
P.O. Box 360748M
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15251

A copy of the check shall be mailed to:

Julie L. Murray
Senior Assistant Regional Counsel
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
901 North 5th Street
Kansas City, Kansas 66101

- 2. Respondent's failure to pay any portion of the civil penalty assessed herein in accordance with the provisions of this Order shall result in commencement of a civil action in Federal District Court to recover the total penalty proposed in the Complaint, together with interest thereon at the applicable statutory rate.
- 3. Respondent and Complainant shall pay their own costs and attorneys' fees incurred as a result of this action.
- 4. This executed Consent Agreement and Consent Order shall be filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 901 North 5th Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66101.

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COMPLAINANT: UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Leo J. Alderman Director Water, Wetlands, and Pesticides Division Julie LUMurray Senior Assistant Regional Counsel Date: \_ RESPONDENT: THE CITY OF RICHMOND, MISSOURI

IT IS SO ORDERED. This Order shall become effective immediately.

Robert L. Patrick

Regional Judicial Officer

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IN THE MATTER OF The City of Richmond, Missouri, Respondent Docket No. CWA-07-2003-0091

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order was sent this day in the following manner to the addressees:

Copy hand delivered to Attorney for Complainant:

Julie L. Murray
Senior Assistant Regional Counsel
Region VII
United States Environmental Protection Agency
901 N. 5th Street
Kansas City, Kansas 66101

Copy by Certified Mail Return Receipt to:

Sara Toevs Sullivan, Esq. Shook, Hardy & Bacon 84 Corporate Woods 10801 Mastin, Suite 1000 Overland Park, Kansas 66210-1671

Copy by Facsimile and First Class Pouch Mail to:

The Honorable Susan L. Biro Chief Administrative Law Judge U. S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Mail Code 1900L Washington, D. C. 20460

Dated: (0/18/1)

Cathy Robinson

Regional Hearing Clerk